

Planning Commission Demands Rubbish Dump Permit Be Rescinded

Torrance City Planning Commission Tuesday night demanded that the City Council rescind its action of March 27 granting J. A. Cassidy a permit to operate a refuse dump in WALTERIA, and asked that the matter be handled through the legal channels of the land use ordinance of Torrance.

"The City Council is oversteering its bounds," Jesse Crowther, planning commissioner, said. "If the council expects us as a planning commission to sit and hear protests of zoning variances and make recommendations, they should consider us on this matter. The council has been a little bit hasty in granting permits under Ordinance 318. We might as well hand it right back to the council and say, 'why ask us to do it?' The council violated its own law." Crowther moved that a letter be sent to the council asking that the action be rescinded and referred back to the planning commission, and the motion brought a second from W. A. Felker. It carried unanimously only after City Judge Otto B. Willett tried to extract an opinion from City Attorney J. E. McCall as to the legality of the council's action.

"The council's action has no force and effect if it acted illegally," Judge Willett declared. "If it was legal it is up to the people to act."

He then asked McCall for his opinion as to the legality of the move, and McCall responded "the council is always right." He declared that when asked by the council, he would advise that body of the legal phases involved in the controversy but not until requested.

"I don't think the council should bypass the planning commission," Willett said.

A letter from Walteria Civic Organization was read to the planning commission giving a history of the rubbish controversy and again stating the organization's opposition to the location of a pit in that vicinity. It was signed by Mrs. Paul Sio-neker, secretary.

B. J. Michels, president, addressed the body, and Edsel Newton, newspaper man who owns his home there also spoke in protest and reminded the council that a 300-bed merchant marine hospital of a permanent nature is being planned for the north slope of Palos Verdes hills, just above the proposed rubbish pit.

Meanwhile, steps were being taken to enforce the zoning ordinance by injunction or by arrest for violation of the land use law in event anyone attempts to dump refuse within the city limits of Torrance except in a heavy manufacturing area.

City Engineer G. M. Jain said that Cassidy was refraining from dumping there pending outcome of the controversy.

Lions Present City With Honor Roll of Vets

President Harry B. Lewis of the Torrance Lions Club, formally presented a beautiful walnut honor roll, with 10 additional walnut side panels, to Mayor William H. Tolson yesterday. This honor roll will be installed in the lobby of the city hall, and will contain all of the names of men and women from Torrance serving in the armed forces.

In order to insure that all names are included in the Honor Roll, citizens of Torrance have been requested to send in the name, rank, and branch of service of all members of their families who have served or are presently serving in the armed forces of the United States or an Allied nation. This information should be submitted to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett as soon as possible.

In thanking the Lions Club on behalf of the City of Torrance and all citizens, Mayor Tolson stated: "This beautiful honor roll fills a long felt need and we are grateful to the members of the Lions Club for their patriotic gesture and act of civic interest."

He said that a committee of Lions, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Councilman N. H. Cucci, Bus Manager C. Z. Ward and City Accountant I. J. Hallanger would be named to select the place for installation of the honor roll, and to arrange for its formal dedication.

APPRENTICE SEAMAN
Ralph H. Montague left Friday for San Diego Naval Training Center. His wife, Helen and their children Ann and Montie, live at 2224 230th st., Lomita. Montague is a son of Mrs. F. L. Parks, of this city.



LOMITAN IN U. S. . . . Pfc. Johnny Jackson, paratrooper, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. Kindig of Lomita, is back in the U. S. for hospitalization after being wounded in action. He participated in the invasion of France, Holland and Belgium and won the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

'Stay on Job' Pledge of Local Group Adopted

Four thousand civilian employees of the Western District of the Air Technical Service Command, presented pledges to stay on the job and finish the job on "C" Day, to General Donald F. Stone, recently, "Victory in Europe is only the halfway mark. I pledge that on V-E Day, and thereafter, I shall stay on the job until complete and final victory is won," read the pledges.

On October 13, 1944, the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce adopted its "C" day (Continuation Day) pledge and circulated the policy to every newspaper and Chamber of Commerce in Southern California and manufacturing centers throughout the nation, asking that other cities follow our lead. Hundreds of letters were received assuring Torrance that the proposal to remain on the job on "C" or "Continuation Day" would be adopted.

General Stone commented: "I hope the action will be the forerunner of similar actions not only by all the war workers of the West but of the entire nation. We can't let down the boys in the Pacific by taking V-E Day off. The best way to celebrate that eventful day is by working doubly hard."

President Reed H. Parkin, of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, stated that several national organizations had proposed a legal holiday, with stoppage of all work, and that Torrance could be justly proud of having initiated a movement to combat this proposal.

"C" day or "Continuation of the War Effort" day was proposed by Torrance in view of the large part that this "modern industrial city" has played in the war production program.

Palos Verdes Pilot Killed In Air Crash

The body of Spencer Jennings, 33, North American production pilot, was found Thursday in the wreckage of his crashed Mustang plane near 29 Palms. Jennings took off from Los Angeles Municipal airport Monday noon on a routine flight. A search was started when he became overdue at the airport. He is survived by his widow, Dorothy, 4004 Via Nivel, Palos Verdes, and a 4-year-old son, Formerly, he was chief of flight and service operations for the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation at Downey.

PADILLA TO VISIT
Ezequiel Padilla, Mexican secretary of foreign affairs, today accepted Mayor Fletcher Bowron's invitation to visit Los Angeles en route to the San Francisco world conference.

Torrance Rodeo May Be Held on Independence Day

Torrance's Third Annual Rodeo may be held on the Fourth of July, according to plans announced yesterday by C. Z. Ward and H. C. Callahan, sponsors of the affair which for two years has brought throngs to Torrance.

Ward said that the Cowboy Association of America had been contacted and that officers were in Torrance with reference to the earlier date. Last year the rodeo was held in August.

The affair would be held at Torrance ball park, and on Independence day should bring additional thousands to the community, according to Ward.

Seek Return Of War Housing Office Here

The Torrance War Housing office was one of five in this county closed recently by the War Housing Administration, and efforts are being put forth by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and industries to reopen the office, privately financed if necessary.

According to Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the chamber, it is hoped that sufficient backing for maintenance of the war housing office here may be had so that it can be established at the Chamber of Commerce office on Monday.

At present, it is necessary for local applicants to go to Long Beach to seek information about housing in the Torrance area.

The closing of the office has had a material effect on the recruitment of labor for local war plants, it was said.

Girl Drowns In Pond at Brick Yard

Juanita Arayan, age 11, was drowned March 29, 1945, when a raft on which she and another child were playing capsized on a pond at a Torrance brick yard on Western ave. just south of Moneta. Her body was recovered in water eight feet deep by Cruz Ordaz, a brick yard worker, and the other girl escaped when two other playmates pulled her out of the deep water by the hair.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufugio Arayan, of 16411 So. Gramercy pl., Torrance, and wandered away from home with her playmates Thursday, meeting her fate in the deep waters of the pit at the brick yard opposite 17602 So. Western ave.

Efforts of the Torrance fire department and others to revive the girl failed.

Mass was conducted at St. Anthony's church, Gardena, on April 2, 1945, at 8 a.m.

High School Paper Drive To Be April 11

Paper for equipment for boys overseas — cash for athletic equipment for boys of Torrance High School.

This time students can kill two birds with one stone. "If they get enough paper there will be three goals reached," Harry Stone, teacher in charge, said. "If the school averages 50 pounds of paper per pupil, a percentage of the boys may earn a trip through a U. S. Army air base, with lunch in addition. If 50 pounds per pupil is achieved a group of girls will be entitled to a tour of Twentieth Century Fox Studios."

JOIN LT. PRANIN
Mrs. Lois Prannin and Ronald left Friday for Pensacola, Fla., for an indefinite visit with Lt. Robt. D. Prannin, A.A.F.

'The Forgotten Factor' Will Be Presented At High School Tonight

The stirring industrial drama, "The Forgotten Factor," will play in the Torrance High School auditorium at 8 p.m. tonight. Invited to Torrance by a committee including Mayor and Mrs. William Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Kresse, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beight, Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Satre and others, the cast comes from the California premiere, held at the invitation of Governor Warren, Mayor Bowron and industrial and labor leaders.

Eight repeat performances had to be given within a few days. Some twelve thousand men and women from the industries of the area saw the play. Leading aircraft, shipbuilding, steel, oil, rubber and other companies were represented by large groups of both management and labor at the showings. Many plants in Torrance are arranging to send similar groups.

Admission for tonight's performance is by ticket. These may be obtained without charge from the committee of invitation, Torrance Service Center, Post and Cravens aves., telephone Torrance 1405, or from the box office at the high school auditorium before the performance.

"The Forgotten Factor" is one story of two homes. One that of Richard Wilson, president of Wisely Consolidated, and the other that of Jim Rankin, the labor leader in the plant.

You meet Richard Wilson at his breakfast table. The strain of impending labor trouble finds little relief in a wife preoccupied with social activities and a son and daughter running wild. A look into Rankin's home shows the same family squabbling and the nervous toll of a factious fight within the union.

"Two different worlds," said publisher, "they'll never meet."

Can they? How they did is the story of the play, whose simple but far-reaching theme is that human nature is the bottleneck in industrial relations, and that disputes can be settled.

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Ration Stamps Lost, Go to Chicago, Back

Wonder of wonders! A bill fold, with gasoline ration stamps of both "A" and "C" series and valuable papers was lost in Los Angeles and forwarded to the owner's home in Illinois and re-forwarded back to Torrance and handed to its owner here, intact.

F. W. Daniels, chief clerk, War Price and Ration Board, 2300 Carson st., revealed the story. He had part in the return of the valuables.

The bill fold belonged to Robert E. Starke, of 1022 N. Austin blvd., Oak Park, Ill. He has been in Torrance looking for a place to live, as he represents the International Cushion and Slip Cover Co., Chicago, in this area.

It was lost in Los Angeles and found by Miss S. Markson, of 940 S. Bixel st., Los Angeles, who sought the owner through the local ration board.

Seventeen New Red Cross Gallon Donors

Seventeen new gallon donors helped swell the Torrance Red Cross Blood Bank total to 202 pints, last Friday, according to Mrs. O. A. Kresse, chairman of the Blood Bank. A total of 239 persons reported.

Credit for about 40 new donors from Walteria goes to Girl Scout Troop No. 398 of which Mrs. B. J. Michels is leader. Mrs. O. A. Kresse said. There are 20 girls in the troop.

The new gallon donors are: Hansen, Earl, 5856 Primiere, Bellflower.
Denker, John, 15220 Raymond ave., Gardena.
Clough, Minnie, 1418 W. 216th st., Torrance.
Gianakos, Nick L., 505 Chestnut st., Long Beach.
Slack, Evelyn, 1950 250th st., Lomita.
Pierce, Henry W., 3012 1/2 La Salle, Los Angeles.
Ferguson, John, 2355 Sonoma st., Torrance.
Van Kralingen, Leona, 2304 Gramercy ave., Torrance.
Self, Jack, 626 Concord, Glendale.
Jurovich, Eleanor, 4616 W. 173rd St., Lawndale.
Freytog, Wm. F., 512 Strand, Redondo Beach.
Staxrud, Sidney, 1508 Beech ave., Torrance.
Johnson, Merel, 1511 W. 215th st., Torrance.
Schroeder, Mary E., 1007 1/2 Portola ave., Torrance.
Greenlee, Mildred, 1632 Arlington ave., Torrance.
Bleser, John, 433 E. 111th st., Los Angeles.
Luswick, Douglas, 1024 Glendon Way, So. Pasadena.

The next Blood Bank in Torrance will be on May 18, from 1 to 5 p.m., when the large unit with capacity of 500 pints will visit Torrance.

ASKS TAX CANCELLATION
Sitting as a Board of Equalization, the Board of Supervisors was asked by the Douglas Air Craft Company to cancel taxes assessed against the solvent credits in 1943 and 1944, aggregating about 73 million dollars.

Ration Board Hours Shortened To 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Due to manpower shortage, the War Price and Ration Board office at 2300 Carson st. will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., instead of from 9 to 5 p.m. as in the past.

The shortened hours were fixed for five other boards in the area, Chief Clerk F. W. Daniels said.

Saturdays the hours will be from 10 to 12, but on Tuesdays, to give shift workers the benefit of later hours, the office will remain open until 8 p.m.

Lomita Site For Hospital Is Considered

Sentiment for location of a marine hospital with accommodations for 800 merchant seamen in the Torrance-Lomita area is disclosed by waterfronting information that the U. S. Public Health Service is asking approval for immediate construction of the projected institutional buildings.

Joseph Scott, Los Angeles attorney, heads the county committee named by the Board of Supervisors last year to determine the extent of need of a site.

Members of the committee and some shipping men are said to have expressed favor of the north slope of the Palos Verdes Hills as the ideal site for the hospital.

In the absence of a Chamber of Commerce at Lomita, no concerted effort is being made there to obtain the institution. The matter has been taken before the Veterans of Foreign Wars by Eugene Beckman and whatever action is taken is expected to be revealed next week.

LT. Fierce, who is married to the former Ina Fae Newkirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Newkirk of Long Beach, was cited for several missions in the vicinity of Palau and the Philippines, during which he assisted in the destruction of a large enemy patrol ship and the downing of a fighter plane.

Particularly outstanding, the citation said, was his bomb hit among parked enemy aircraft which damaged several and set two others afire. His "scores" were made in spite of fierce enemy resistance.

LT. Fierce also has among his accomplishments credit for a bomb hit on an assault ship, a near miss on a transport, and a bomb hit on a troop transport.

He piloted a carrier-based Navy dive bomber.

LT. Fierce was a graduate of Leuzinger high school, and attended Compton Junior college, then was employed as a steel worker before entering the naval service.

7th War Loan Quota To Be Fixed April 24

Torrance's Seventh War Loan Drive quota will be announced at a public meeting of volunteer workers of this County at the Philharmonic Auditorium, 427 West 5th st., Los Angeles, on Tuesday, April 24.

Members of community War Finance Committees are urged to bring with them any friends who may be interested in the Drive program. It was announced this week by Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance War Finance Committee.

R. H. Moulton, Southern California chairman, Aubrey Harwood, Vice Chairman, Los Angeles County War Finance Committee, and other members of the staff will explain the mechanics of the coming Drive. In other words, Chairman Lee said, the meeting will be a preview of the Seventh War Loan Drive insofar as theme, supplies, advertising and sales methods are concerned. Several innovations will be outlined in detail.

Chairman Lee pointed out that the coming Drive, which starts officially May 14, will last two weeks longer than previous drives and he stressed the fact that a more aggressive sales campaign than ever before will be necessary due to the fact that all E Bond quotas will be the highest ever set. The national goal for individuals is one-half of the 14 billion dollar over-all quota.

IN MAJOR BATTLES
Charles H. Olsen, F 2/C U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Olsen, of Lomita, reports that the task force to which he is attached has participated in every major battle in the Battle of the Philippines since the invasion of Leyte and witnessed the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima.

WMC Asks Better Bus Facilities To Other Cities

The Division of Manpower Utilization of the War Manpower Commission has recommended that better inter-city transportation facilities be provided between Torrance and Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, Gardena and other nearby communities as a means of encouraging workers to take jobs in Torrance.

"The recommendations approved by Wayne Alles, supervisor of the utilization section, are: "That the California State Railroad Commission and the Office of Defense Transportation take such action as is feasible toward:

"a. Extension of Gardena Municipal Bus routes to provide non-transfer service between the Western Avenue Motor Coach line and the Torrance business district.

"b. Extension of Pacific Electric Railway Motor Coach system routes to provide non-transfer service between Redondo Beach and the Torrance business district.

"c. Extension of Torrance Municipal Bus routes to provide non-transfer service between the Western Avenue Motor Coach line and the Torrance business district, and the Hawthorne terminals of the Los Angeles Transit lines from the Torrance business district.

The recommendations were made after a survey of transportation facilities here which was requested some months ago by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The survey was made on Oct. 13, 1944, and the recommendations made this month.

The WMC consultant, A. L. MacNair, Sr., made reference to previous reports which stated that "action should be taken by the War Production Board, Office of Defense Transportation, and other interested National War Agencies to secure adequate public transportation between the Torrance local area and other Metropolitan Los Angeles Communities."

"Since the date of this recommendation, the additional buses operated by the Torrance Municipal Bus line have been used to increase local Torrance service. The existing schedules on the Torrance-Los Angeles line have been re-routed to pass through Gardena business district.

"Torrance war plant employment still exceeds 10,000 workers. Records of employment in the 37 Torrance area war plants disclose that in excess of 10,000 workers are presently employed, and it is indicated that a substantial proportion of this employment will continue in this number throughout the year 1945.

"Conclusion. Substantial numbers of prospective workers have not accepted referrals to Torrance Area "MUST" plants, and substantial numbers of employed workers have separated from Torrance Area war plants listed in the original survey, due to the continuing lack of improvement in public transportation schedules, facilities, and connections between Torrance and the nearby communities of Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, Dominguez Junction, Los Angeles Western Avenue Motor Coach line, etc."

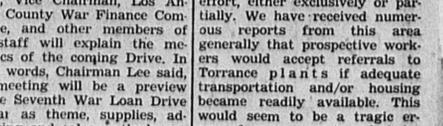
Replying to the Manpower Utilization Division's report and recommendations, Reed H. Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, declared:

"There seems to be little we can add to your excellent report, except that we find that there are over 12,500 workers presently employed in 51 major and semi-major plants and organizations committed to the war effort, either exclusively or partially. We have received numerous reports from this area generally that prospective workers would accept referrals to Torrance plants if adequate transportation and/or housing became readily available. This would seem to be a tragic error of management and judgment in one or more of the coordinating agencies, particularly at this time when we may expect this area to be called upon to redouble efforts toward the Pacific struggle, immediately Germany capitulates.

The recommendations resulting from your Re-Survey concurs in the findings of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, following our survey of the lack of transportation, as outlined to one of your representatives during a visit to this office.

Lt. Fierce Is Awarded Air Medal

Veteran of 26 aerial strikes at the Japanese in the Central and Southwest Pacific, Lt. (jg) Ver-



non R. Fierce, Jr., whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Fierce, reside at 2363 El Dorado st., Torrance, has been awarded the Air Medal.

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